

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Patrick Fogle on 11-11-11.

The application has been amended as follows:

In the claims:

In claim 5, the term "[[.]]" in line 2 has been deleted.

In claim 10, the phrase "any one of claims 1, 8 or 9" in line 1 has been replaced with -- any one of claims 1, 8 and 9--.

In claim 20, the phrase "any one of" in line 1 has been deleted.

In claim 21, the phrase "any one of claims 19 or 20" in line 1 has been replaced with -- any one of claims 19 and 20--.

In claim 49, the term "[[.]]" in line 2 has been deleted.

2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: The phrase "pluripotent stem cells" in the last line of claim 1 and line 11 of claim 45 is considered as the pluripotent stem cells defined by National Institutes of Health (NIH) where "pluripotent" is defined as "The state of a single cell that is capable of differentiating into all tissues of an organism, but not alone capable of sustaining full organismal development" and "stem cells" is defined as "Cells with the ability to divide for indefinite periods in culture and to give rise to specialized cells". It is noted that "pluripotent stem cells" are NOT "adult stem cells", which are multipotent stem cells rather than "pluripotent stem cells".

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Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Shin-Lin Chen whose telephone number is (571) 272-0726. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday to Friday from 9:30 am to 6 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Peter Paras can be reached on (571) 272-4517. The fax phone number for this group is (571) 273-8300.

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